

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 2, 2008. Claims 1-18 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are the independent Claims. Claims 1-2 have been amended. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein.

Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicant (as represented by Terry Tsai, Agent Registration No. 57,002) and the Examiner conducted a telephone interview on March 20, 2009, over the issue of 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections of claims 13-18 (*the Action at page 3, para. 7, part b*). As a result, the Examiner withdrew those rejections.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extend in the interview and the withdrawal of the § 112 rejections to claims 13-18.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were indicated to be allowable if re-written to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowable subject matter of Claims 1-18.

Non-Art Based Rejections

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. In response, Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the above rejections.

Specifically, the feature "x being a non-zero positive integer" is added to Claims 1 and 2 per the Examiner suggestion at page 3 of the Action. Since the §112 issues

asserted in the Action are remedied, withdrawal of the §112 rejections to Claims 1 and 2 is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-18 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. As discussed in the interview summary section, the Examiner withdrew those rejections.

There being no 35 U.S.C. § 112 issue, allowance of Claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

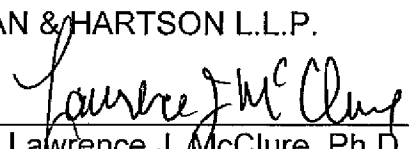
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4721 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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